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SUBJECT: RUMORED RECALL OF TWO T&T MINISTERS FROM ABROAD

1. AUG. 7 REUTER REPORT FROM OTTAWA SAID T&T'S FOREIGN MINISTER RECALLED FROM COMMONWEALTH MEETING FOR HEADS OF COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE CALLED BY PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS. GOTT PROMPTLY DENIED ANY RECALL OR URGENT CARIBBEAN MEETING AND POINTED OUT WILLIAMS, WHO HAD NOT LEFT PORT OF SPAIN, HAS FOREIGN MINISTRY PORTFOLIO. ON AUGUST 9 TRINIDAD GUARDIAN REPORTED THAT SENATOR PREVATT, T&T'S DELEGATE IN OTTAWA, HAD IN FACT LEFT FOR HOME UNEXPECTEDLY, BUT THIS ALSO TURNED OUT TO BE FALSE.

2. TODAY (AUGUST 10) EXPRESS REPORTED THAT RECENT "GUERRILLA" ACTIVITY (POS 0973) HAS CAUSED GOTT TO RECALL SENATOR PREVATT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL HUDSON-PHILLIPS, T&T REP. AT WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN, TO DISCUSS SECURITY SITUATION. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE UNWILLING TO MAKE FURTHER STATEMENT ON NEWS REPORTS.

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3. COMMENT: PERSISTENT NEWS REPORTS, AND GOTT DENIALS,

GIVE IMPRESSION SOMETHING AFOOT BUT THAT PM AS USUAL HAS
SHROUDED IT ALL IN SECRECY. RUMORS REVEAL THAT EVENT
EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN TEN DAYS WHICH "POLITICAL
DYNAMITE" IN NATURE. THIS COULD RELATE TO BARBADOS PM
BARROW'S SPEECH CASTIGATING LEADERS OF ASSOCIATED STATES
OR PM'S CONCERN OVER MANOEUVERING WITHIN PNM AS WELL AS
OPPOSITION DLP.
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